

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending.

Claim 18 has been amended to correct its dependency. No new matter is added by this amendment.

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I. Election

Applicants have elected the subject matter of Group III, which is drawn to a nucleic acid molecule encoding AAV-1 helper functions and molecule comprising an AAV rep coding region and an AAV cap coding region. The examiner indicates that the claims in this group are claims 3, 10 and 12. Applicants request that claim 11 be included in this group, as it relates to a recombinant host cell expressing the nucleic acid sequences of the rep coding region.

The examiner indicates that inventions III and V are related as product and process of use. Applicants reserve the right to request rejoinder of these groups.

II. Compliance with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence Disclosures

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The sequences of AAV-1 are provided in SEQ ID NO:1, the sequences of AAV-2 are provided in SEQ ID NO:18 and the sequences of AAV-6 are provided in SEQ ID NO:19. Accordingly, only the nucleotide numbers of the fragments appearing in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3B need to be included in the brief description of the drawings.

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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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